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Applicant: Schlegel Systems, Inc. : Examining Attorney: Arti R. Singh
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT


Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 19, 2002, Applicant elects Claims 1 through 17 with traverse. The Examiner has taken the position that the fabric described in Claims 1 through 17 could be made by different method from that described in Claims 18 through 20. The Examiner suggests that the flame-retardant coating in the metalized layer could all be co-extruded simultaneously.

Respectfully, while the Examiner's position appears plausible, closer consideration of the claims reveals that it is not. The Examiner has not pointed to any evidence that a fabric, flame-retardant coating and a conductive metal can be co-extruded at all. The materials are very different, have very different properties and it is unlikely that simultaneous co-extrusion of such different materials is even possible.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,


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